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The McCloskey Story

Were the Democrats on the Senate Rules Committee not trying to prevent serious investigation of Bobby Baker's activities they would call Matthew H. McCloskey Jr. as a witness.

But the Democrats are no more in a mood to summon Mr. McCloskey, who is the Democratic Party's chief fund raiser, than they are to call in White House assistant Walter Jenkins.

It already has been established that Mr. McCloskey, who made a fortune in contracting jobs for the federal government, has had dealings with Bobby Baker. The nature of these dealings never has been thoroughly explored.

The public should know that Mr. McCloskey has raised more than \$30 million for the Democratic Party in his years as Democratic Party Treasurer. The public also should know that Mr. McCloskey has prospered enormously during this period.

If the Democrats on the Senate

Rules Committee were doing their business, they would be questioning Mr. McCloskey concerning an extraordinary negotiated contract he won for building a Central Intelligence Agency structure in Washington. No competitive bidding was allowed on the job. It simply was handed to Mr. McCloskey shortly after he did such a good job as Democratic treasurer. The General Services Administration admits it has no record of a previous occasion on which competitive bidding was not allowed on a major Washington project.

This is only one of several unusual government projects from which Mr. McCloskey has profited hugely. The Democrats aren't willing to have hearings on any of these McCloskey activities.

With the Democrats on the Rules Committee so unwilling to call key witnesses, the public can only conclude that some dirty work is being covered up. Somebody must know where bodies are buried.